

CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of heart disease based on cardiac hypertrophy comprising as its active ingredient a substance that acts on the natriuretic peptide receptor, guanylyl cyclase A, and is able to accelerate production of cyclic guanosine monophosphate.

2. A pharmaceutical composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the heart disease based on cardiac hypertrophy is chronic heart failure.

3. A pharmaceutical composition as set forth in claim 1 wherein the substance that acts on the natriuretic peptide receptor, guanylyl cyclase A, and is able to accelerate production of cyclic guanosine monophosphate is natriuretic peptide.

4. A pharmaceutical composition as set forth in claim 3 wherein ^{the} natriuretic peptide is atrial natriuretic peptide.

5. A pharmaceutical composition as set forth in claim 3 wherein ^{the} natriuretic peptide is brain natriuretic peptide.

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